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LOK SABHA

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APPLICATION FOR RETAIL OUTLETS IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.1559 on December 9, 2004 regarding applications for dealerships retail outlets in Rajasthan and state:

(a): whether the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.(IOC) Jaipur, Rajasthan had cancelled all the 1207 applications received for 47 locations reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and asked the applicants to submit fresh applications for the said locations according to a booklet dated November 1, 2004 provided by IOC;

(b): if so, the number of applications received again by the IOC, Jaipur during September, 2005 against each of the 47 locations reserved for SCs;

(c): whether the IOC, Jaipur has further cancelled all the applications received from SC applicants;

(d): if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e): the action taken or being taken by IOC for allotment of dealerships of these 47 locations reserved for SCs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a): No, Sir. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) had not cancelled all the 1,207 applications received for the 47 locations reserved for Scheduled Caste (SC) category. Till November, 2004, interviews were conducted for 32 locations out of the 47 locations in question. In order to make the process of selection of dealers more transparent, the Company had brought out a booklet, w.e.f. 1.11.2004, for information of the candidates for dealership of retail outlets. The booklet provided, among others, detailed marking system on each of the qualifying parameters. Because of this, the applicants for the remaining 15 locations were provided with the booklet and new application forms, asking them to apply afresh.

(b): A total of 213 applications were received by IOC in respect of the remaining 15 locations for which the applicants were asked to apply afresh. Selection process was completed for one of the locations for which fresh applications were received.

(c) & (d): In November, 2005, the Government advised the OMCs a revised system of evaluation of the candidates eligible for benefits under Corpus Fund Scheme, which includes the candidates applying for dealerships reserved for Scheduled Castes. It was advised that such candidates should not be evaluated on the parameters `capability to provide land and infrastructure/facilities` and `capability to provide finance`. In view of this revised marking system, IOC decided to cancel the selection process of the pending locations in question, and, therefore, no further action was taken on the re-submitted applications. IOC has initiated action to cancel the process in respect of the balance locations.

(e): One of the pending locations has been dropped due to economic unviability. In line with the revised guidelines, advertisements are being released by IOC for procurement of land for the remaining 13 locations, and, on completion of the land procurement, these locations are proposed to be re-advertised for dealerships.